
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor • Los Angeles CA 90005-4001

FINAL

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, May 3, 2007

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.- Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Cinderella Barrios-Cernik	Kafi Battersby
Catherine Branson*	Scott Campbell
Cesar Cuadra	Trevor Daniels*
Daniel Deniz	Wendy Garland
David Giugni*	Mario Gonzalez*
Michael Green*	Philip Hendricks
Jeffrey King	Lee Kochems
Miguel Martinez	Vicky Ortega*
Daniel Rivas*	Ricki Rosales
Sophia Rumanes	Terry Smith
Enrique Topete	Kathy Watt
Tim Young	

ABSENT

Jorge Montoya
Precious Stallworth

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Constance Chavers	Elizabeth Escobedo	Vicki Lowe	John Mesta
Pamela Ogata	David Pieribone	Jane Rohde	

PPC MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 12:19 P.M. and a quorum was present.

II. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

The DRAFT May 3, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved by consensus.

MOTION #1: Approve the May 3, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) Meeting Agenda.	<i>Motion passed by consensus</i>	MOTION PASSED
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III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY

The DRAFT April 5, 2007 HIV Prevention Planning Committee Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus.

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IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gil Mangaoang, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT), announced May is Asian Pacific Heritage Month and reminded the group of the importance of keeping in mind the plight of the API population when discussing planning issues around HIV prevention in Los Angeles.
- Scott Campbell, Midtowne SPA, provided an update on the licensing for the Bath Houses and Sex Clubs and shared the lawsuit with the County of Los Angeles has been resolved. Additionally, Mr. Campbell shared the term “Commercial Sex Venue” is not appropriate and the current term is “Bath Houses and Sex Clubs”. As of this date, over 900 tests have been conducted and approximately 28 new cases of HIV were identified. As part of the licensure, training in HIV, STD and Drug & Alcohol are required for managers, it was suggested future trainings be conducted by community groups in lieu of Public Health staff (governmental regulators).
- Lillian Chu, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT), announced May 19th will be the 3rd National Asian Pacific Islanders (API) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. The celebration will be held on May 17th at the National Center for the Preservation of Democracy at 6:00 PM. Flyers are on the back table.
- Lillian Chu, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT), shared an update of some the issues of the Asian Pacific Islander (API) women.
- Army Cachero, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT), shared by ignoring the API population does not mean there is not a problem in the API and encouraged public funding for HIV services and HIV interventions for the API population.
- Maria Carmen, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT), announced a new project in collaboration with Children’s Hospital Los Angeles titled Transgender Adult Identity Mentoring (TG-AIM) geared for 18-24 year of age transgender individuals.
- Maria Carmen, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT), announced a continuing support for API transgender individuals called STAR (serving transgenders at risk) which meets monthly. For additional information, please contact Maria Carmen at (213) 553-1830 or www.apaitonline.org.
- Rynn Chua, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT), shared issues of the API youth.
- Tanya Patterson, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), shared since last July, AHF has been providing HIV Basic I and Basic Trainings which provide State certification for OAPP funded agencies. The next training is scheduled the week of May 21st. Please contact Tanya Patterson at (213) 405-5812 for additional information.
- Keesha Effs, Jamaica Youth Ambassador for Positive Living shared some statistics on HIV/AIDS cases in Jamaica and encouraged everyone to check out the website www.mustardseed.com.

- Jill Rotenberg, JWCH Institute, announced the monthly SPA Service Provider Network (SPN) meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 17th at 12:00 noon which will consist of a presentation sponsored by Abbott Laboratories on Provider Burn Out. Flyers are on the back table.
- Jill Rotenberg, JWCH Institute, promoting increased participation among consumers in the SPA 4 Community Advisory Board (CAB). Meetings are held quarterly and flyers are on the back table.
- Noel Alunit, Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT), announced an API Forum on May 17th titled, “We Do Too” in Little Tokyo. For additional information, please contact Noel at (213) 553-1899.

V. HIV COUNSELING AND TESTING (HCT) DATA PRESENTATION

Sophia Rumanes, OAPP, introduced Connie Chavers, OAPP, who presented preliminary HIV Counseling and Testing data for year ending 2005.

Attached is a copy of the Power Point presentation titled, “HIV Counseling and Testing Preliminary Year End Data 2005”.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

VI. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Sophia Rumanes reported all of the OAPP funded counseling and testing providers met this month for a meeting/training/orientation on April 18th and all of the health education/risk reduction providers met on April 19th. Approximately fifty agencies with over 120 individuals were in attendance. Based on feedback from the evaluations, the meetings were well received. The bulk of the meetings reiterated some contractual requirements/obligations.

Ms. Rumanes stated the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) has begun planning and preparing for HIV Counseling and Testing Week (which will be the last week of June, 2007). The methodology (target testing by geography as well as high risk groups) was shared at the April 18th and April 19th provider meetings. Analysis of potential zip codes to be targeted has begun and two upcoming meetings are being scheduled. Additionally, OAPP has been requested to provide a presentation to the PPC on its plan for counseling and testing week (probably in early June).

Ms. Rumanes also shared that the health department conducted 2 trainings for Commercial Sex Venues – Sex Clubs and Bath Houses in order for the venues to meet the licensing deadline per the Ordinance. It was also shared that the Ordinance does not require that the health department provide the training, only approve the training, thus, any suggestions for other groups to conduct the training are welcomed.

John Mesta shared the HIV Prevention Plan Addendum will be released around mid-May, 2007 and the document is currently at the printer's. Sophia Rumanes added some of the recommendations that came out of the HIV Prevention Plan Addendum derived from the three (3) task forces have been implemented. As a result of the HIV Prevention Plan Addendum, with the 2007-2008 prevention contracts, the following has been implemented:

1. increase programs targeting African American gay men (AA MSM) – increase some health education/risk reduction programs and dedicate one testing program for this target population.
2. demonstration projects to increase testing in Crystal Meth and enhancing current programs targeting Crystal Meth users.
3. increase trainings for Crystal Meth across all programs.
4. increase testing.

Kathy Watt posed a question, “Was the training requirement regarding Crystal Meth added to the contracts?” Ms. Rumanes responded that the training requirement about Crystal Meth was added to the 2007-2008 prevention contracts. OAPP has hosted Crystal Meth training and other programs (e.g., Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration (ADPA) conduct trainings that can satisfy the requirement.

Miguel Martinez inquired about the names of the specific demonstration projects for the African American MSM Task Force recommendations and for the Crystal Meth Programs (which agencies were funded)? Ms. Rumanes indicated she would provide who got funded and add the contracting process at the Evaluation Subcommittee meeting given Evaluation’s previous request for the list of new contracts.

David Giugni asked, “what criteria was used to select agencies/organizations (i.e. successful in reaching this population)?” Ms. Rumanes shared the providers must be current providers, all current providers were examined, if the provider was maximizing their program and have a high positivity rate. For the AA MSM Programs, only two agencies provided services directly for that population (100% for that program).

Jeffrey King offered a suggestion that the entities funded to participate in the Prevention Plan Addendum demonstrations projects report back to OAPP and the PPC in terms of progress/challenges (tracking, monitoring).

VII. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Terry Smith shared that he, Kathy Watt and others participated in the Commission on HIV (COH) Systems Thinking Workshop. The workshop was geared toward thinking outside the box in terms of the delivery of HIV services and the continuum of care as opposed to the silos we operate in.

Kathy Watt shared it is refreshing to see the collaborative activities happening between the PPC and the COH.

Daniel Rivas, PPC Public Policy Chairperson, provided the history and an overview of SB 767. Copies of the amended bill and a copy of the letter from the Commission on HIV (COH) supporting/endorsing SB 767 was included in the meeting packet. SB 767 was authored by Mark Ridley-Thomas. This bill is sponsored by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, the Harm Reduction Coalition and the Los Angeles County Prevention Overdose Task Force which removes any liability for any person administering an opiate antagonist will no longer be subject to civil liability and/or criminal prosecution.

Daniel Rivas made a motion for the Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) to go on record and make a recommendation to have a support position on SB 767. Phil Hendricks seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

Motion #3: Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) to go record and make a recommendation to have a support position on SB 767.

<p>MOTION #3: The Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) to go on record and make a recommendation to have a support position on SB 767.</p>	<p><i>Aye: Barrios-Cernik, Battersby, Branson, Campbell, Cuadra, Deniz, Giugni, Gonzalez, Green, Hendricks, King, Kochems, Martinez, Ortega, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Smith, Topete, Watt, Young</i> <i>Nay: None</i> <i>Abstention: Garland</i></p>	<p>MOTION PASSED <i>Aye: 21</i> <i>Nay: 0</i> <i>Abstention: 1</i></p>
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Daniel Rivas thanked the PPC for their support of this proposed legislation and announced there will be a hearing on SB 767 on May 8th.

VIII. 2009-2013 HIV PREVENTION PLAN COMMUNITY SERVICES ASSESSMENT (CSA) PRESENTATION

Terry Smith introduced John Mesta, OAPP, who provided an update on the steps to update and complete the 2009-2013 HIV Prevention Plan. Additionally, Mr. Mesta facilitated a discussion on completion of the Community Service Assessment (CSA) portion for the upcoming 2009-2013 HIV Prevention Plan. The PPC Co-Chairs, the PPC Subcommittee Chairs and other PPC members and OAPP staff participated in the presentation/discussion. In addition to the power point presentation, two documents were distributed:

- Draft Los Angeles County – HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) dated 04/06/07 HIV Prevention Plan 2009-2013 Timeframe
- Two sided color copy of Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts by Service Planning Area dated August, 2002 by Los Angeles County Children’s Planning Council

Attached is a copy of the Power Point presentation titled, “2009-2013 HIV Prevention Plan Community Services Assessment (CSA)”.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

IX. BREAK

X. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- Operations – Tim Young shared the next Operations Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Additionally, Mr. Young shared the new revised PPC Membership Application was approved at the last meeting and the Operations Subcommittee continues to work on the Resource Inventory for the upcoming Prevention Plan and the Operations Subcommittee is planning for the next PPC Annual Planning Committee meeting which will occur in November or December, 2007. Lastly, a New PPC Member Orientation is being scheduled for late June, 2007.

Tim Young introduced new PPC members Cinderella Barrios-Cernik and Katie Branson. Daniel Rivas shared the other new PPC member, Precious Stallworth, contacted him and is unable to attend today's meeting because of a death of a family member.

- Evaluation – Miguel Martinez shared the Evaluation Subcommittee continues to work on:
 - LACHNA (as discussed in the 2009-2013 Prevention Plan presentation/discussion)
 - A database to look at secondary data available through various local research projects
 - EPI Profile

The next Evaluation Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21st from 2:30 PM to 4:30 PM at OAPP.

- Standards & Best Practices – Phil Hendricks shared the Standards & Best Practices subcommittee has developed protocols and procedures for the Focus Groups, Key Informant interviews, and the research review. The next Standards & Best Practices subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 17th from 1:30PM to 3:30 PM at OAPP.
 - HIV Counseling & Testing (HCT) Work Group – Daniel Rivas shared the HCT Work Group met in April, 2007 and one of the charges for the HCT Work Group is to make recommendations for the upcoming Prevention Plan. The HCT Work Group is awaiting the State revised guidelines. Mr. Rivas shared the HCT Work Group has reviewed the UCHAPS position on HCT. The Bath House/ Sex Club Program is a standing agenda item for the HCT Work Group. The next HCT Work Group Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 21st from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at OAPP. All agencies with counseling and testing programs are encouraged to attend the HCT Work Group meetings.
- Public Policy Committee – Daniel Rivas shared no quorum was present at the last Public Policy Committee; therefore, positions were not recommended on any legislation. There was a suggestion/discussion at the last PPC Executive Subcommittee meeting around combining (PPC and COH) Public Policy committees. The structure of the Public Policy Committee is being re-examined (i.e. monthly meetings, conference calls (in lieu of meeting), etc. The next Public Policy meeting is scheduled for July 10th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at OAPP.
- Prevention Plan Work Group – Ricki Rosales shared the Prevention Plan Work Group agreed to meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month from 12:00 Noon to 2:30 PM at OAPP. Diane Brown, City of Long Beach, was selected as Co-Chair of the Prevention Plan Work Group. The Prevention Plan Work Group met on April 23rd and discussed: the purpose, roles and responsibilities of group and members, advocate versus planner, and voting procedures (everyone votes but you must attend three consecutive meetings). The next meeting is Monday, May 7th at 12:00 Noon at OAPP and some of the topics/assignments for discussion are: Operations Subcommittee – final recommendation for the Resource Inventory; review of the Commission on HIV (COH) priorities & planning (operating values) presentation.

XI. STANDING REPORTS

- Urban Coalition of HIV/AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) – Ricki Rosales shared he is participating on conference calls with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding updating Partner Counseling and Referral Services (PCRS) guidelines. The next UCHAPS meeting is scheduled for May 19th and May 20th in New Orleans.
- AIDS Action – No Report

- Commission on HIV (COH) Report – As a result of the new legislation, with the implementation of the 75/25 split (75% core medical services and 25% support services), Kathy Watt shared there was a lengthy discussion on the priorities, allocations, and recommendations at the last COH meeting. The next COH meeting is next Thursday (05/10/07) and everyone is invited. Lastly, Ms. Watt requested that today's Counseling and Data presentation be made available to the COH.
- City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office – Ricki Rosales shared the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office is:
 - working with the Mayor of Los Angeles to secure a letter to participate in NAPWOOD.
 - working on a Proclamation for HIV Testing Week from the City Council.
 - established the Data Collection System for Needle Exchange providers and training is scheduled for next week.
 - new staff person, Julie Lee, will be working directly with Contractors.
- City of West Hollywood – No Report.
- City of Long Beach – Mario Gonzalez shared the City of Long Beach, Health and Human Services is in the beginning stages of working with the API population in the City of Long Beach. The "HIV Stops with Me" social marketing campaign will participate at Long Beach Pride. The Long Beach Comprehensive HIV Planning Group is meeting on Wednesday, May 9th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM at the Family Health Education Center (3820 Cherry Avenue Long Beach 90807) and the next SPA 8 SPN meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16th from 11:00 to 1:00 PM at the Family Health Education Center. The Gay Men's Health Summit is scheduled for May 16th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Courtyard Marriott in Downtown Long Beach. For additional information, visit: www.centerlb.org.
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program – No Report.
- HIV/Epidemiology – Wendy Garland shared Dr. Frye will present an update of HIV Names Reporting at the next PPC meeting.
- Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration (ADPA) – No Report.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Tim Young announced he received unofficial notice that Vicky Ortega is resigning from the PPC and thanked Ms. Ortega for her great work.
- Vicky Ortega announced she is resigning from the PPC and expressed her gratitude for the opportunity and privilege to serve on the Los Angeles County HIV Prevention Planning Committee. Additionally, in her attempt to gain services for the transgender community; Ms. Ortega asked for forgiveness if she has offended anyone.
- Wendy Garland announced the Los Angeles County HIV Epidemiology Department and In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc. have completed the first of eight Focus Groups to discuss the influence of the Black Church on African American MSM (AA MSM) lives and will be recruiting AA MSM age 18 and older during the month of May, 2007. Interested individuals, please contact Greg Wilson at (323) 733-4868.
- Wendy Garland shared flyers are on the back table announcing the Institute of Community for Health Research presentation by Dr. Gary Ryan titled "The Programmatics of Exploratory Qualitative Research" on Monday. All are encouraged to attend and the deadline to register is May 4th.

- Katie Branson shared on the 17th there was a convening on “Act Now Against Meth” with representatives from various county departments. For additional information, please contact a member of Act Now Against Meth.
- Ricki Rosales reported the Opus Society released a paper on the importance of developing a national AIDS plan for the United States.
- Jeffrey King announced the AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF) Rapid Testing training is excellent.
- Jeffrey King announced the In the Meantime Men’s Group, Inc. Demonstration Project is up and running. The first event consisted of approximately one hundred fifty (150) 18-29 years olds. Eleven individuals were tested.
- Sophia Rumanes thanked the Banyan Tree Project for the HIV Matters – Save the Date cards and flashlights.
- Tim Young announced May 19th as the National API HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.
- Tim Young announced since Vicky Ortega has resigned from the PPC, the PPC is seeking Transgender representation.
- Tim Young announced the PPC Operations Subcommittee is meeting after today’s PPC meeting.
- Vicky Ortega announced the 2nd annual LOTUS Society Commencement Ceremony.
- Kafi Battersby announced REACH LA will be holding its 2nd Annual Ball, slogan “Know Your Status, Know Your Future” is scheduled for Saturday, May 5th. Flyers are on the back table.
- Miguel Martinez announced “Trans-Unity” is June 1st through June 3rd.
- Miguel Martinez announced the Transgender Service Provider Network meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon at Children’s Hospital Los Angeles on the 4th Floor Conference Room.
- Miguel Martinez announced “Connect to Protect” is a clinical trials protocol which is part of the Adolescent Trials Network.

XIII. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XV. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 3:46 P.M.

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
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	<i>Rumanes, Smith, Topete, Watt, Young</i> <i>Nay:</i> <i>None</i> <i>Abstention:</i> <i>Garland</i>	
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NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.